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CITY COMPLETES ONE OF A KIND ALLEY RESURFACING PROJECT **RESULTS IMPROVE DOZENS OF NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard announced today the Department of Public Works (DPW) recently completed one of the largest alley resurfacing projects in the city's history. Approximately 145 alleys, or 15 miles of alleys, were resurfaced in just five months. In a typical year, only about 15 alleys are repaired.

Thousands of Indianapolis residents have been plagued with deteriorating alleys for years. Residents complain of alleys filled with potholes, high weeds and trash. In an effort to mitigate the problem Mayor Ballard directed DPW with the unprecedented task to resurface hundreds of alleys in dozens of Indianapolis neighborhoods.

"Fixing crumbling infrastructure is a top priority," said Mayor Ballard. "Many residents regularly depend on alleys to access their homes, churches and community centers. Students depend on alleys to get school and keeping our alleys in good condition is a critical part of taking care of our neighborhoods. This is what RebuildIndy is all about--infrastructure improvements that help to make Indianapolis a more livable city."

Unlike street repairs, tax funding is not allotted for alley repairs. This year's alley resurfacing project was paid for out of the city's solid waste budget and cost \$2.3 million dollars. Improvements to the alleys will directly benefit the solid waste department as vehicles driving routes will experience less wear and tear.

Based on trash collection routes, solid waste crews evaluated alleys to determine the worst in the city. The engineering division contracted the alley repaving and repair work to local company Grady Brothers, Inc. Repairs began in April of this year and finished in early September.

"This alley resurfacing project is just one more example of my commitment to rebuild our city. Through RebuildIndy, we're repairing streets, sidewalks, alleys, drainage and demolishing abandoned homes. We ask for your patience when you see construction and road projects underway as we transform our already great City," said Mayor Ballard.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's initiative to repair Indianapolis' failing infrastructure, visit www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy.

